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Dear Harold

Thanks for pointing out to me the importance of the FBI file numbers but, alas, too late. The thing is already published (and in the format you have). I did say in my introduction why I'd left the numbers out but, I guess, I should have put them in, it wouldn't have been any trouble. I'll remember next time around.

The secret history of the war on the critics has yet to be written. I suspect we don't know the half of it. Sparrow was one of many intellectual whores and I'll dig into him a little deeper. I'll chase Tony Summers up on the document he has linking him to the CIA and also get Alex Kramer to do some name searches. It would be nice to nail the scumbag. And I'll keep you posted.

I didn't realise NEVER AGAIN was out. I phoned Andy at the Last Hurrah and he is air-mailing a copy over to me (he sends his best wishes to you, by the way).

I'm looking forward to your piece on Norman Mailer - as you say, as good a target as one could hope for. Lawrence Schiller, by the way, can now be seen daily on television sitting behind O J Simpson at the trial. Apparently he is doing a book on that. Sic transit, but not gloria.

Keep in touch.

With best regards

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